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Strike Force makes Fusion say 'no mas'

(July 25, 2001) -- Luchi Gonzalez scored two goals to lead the Premier Development League's Miami Strike Force to a 4-0 defeat of the MLS-leading Miami Fusion in a friendly played last night. Matias Asorey and Sebastian Heredia provided the other two goals for the Strike Force.

In a final tuneup before Major League Soccer's All Star Weekend, the Strike Force made the Fusion look hapless. The frustrated club, starting five regulars, including All-Stars Diego Serna, Alex Pineda-Chacon, and Pablo Mastroeni, called it a match after just 75 minutes of action.

"We played a very good match, we came to win," said Strike Force technical director Daniel Prenat. "Yeah, they did not play Preki, Llamosa, or Bishop, but they had a hell of a squad out there."

Strike Force scored two goals in each half. "Our forwards killed their defense, it was an easy time for them," said Prenat.

One of highlights of the exhibition came when Strike Force keeper Gustavo Algraza stopped a Diego Serna penalty kick attempt to preserve the shutout.

"I think it was a good training session for them," added Prenat. "We play hard against whoever we face. Ray Hudson is an excellent judge of talent and he invited three of our players [Luchi Gonzalez, Matias Asorey, and Diego Walsh] to train with them."

Next up for the Strike Force is a trip north to Cocoa, where the club will compete in the Premier Development League Eastern Conference championships. On Saturday evening, Strike Force is slated to meet the Westchester Flames in the first semifinal. Kickoff is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. ET.

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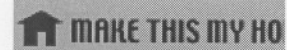
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